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Director William Webster Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am requesting your assistance on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Department's K-9 Unit, specifically our Explosive Detector Team.

In our continuing effort to provide "state of the art" training we have been contacting different agencies in an attempt to procure the new Czechoslovakian made explosive "Semtex". It is imperative that our team remain current as we are frequently utilized by various federal agencies for bomb sweeps prior to dignitary visits. I am aware that this explosive is relatively new to the world market and has been used quite recently by terrorist organizations.

Our Explosives Detector Team often works and trains in conjunction with the 509th Military Working Dog Section at Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire. We will make the explosive available to the 509th also. Another option might be to make the explosive available to our Unit through them.

The amount of "Semtex" needed for training would be twelve to sixteen ounces. Please be assured that the explosive will be handled and stored according to all applicable Department and federal regulations. Any questions relative to this request should be directed to Lieutenant Kenneth Jenkins, Commanding Officer, Special Operations Unit, phone # (617) 282-4360. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and will await your reply.

Respectfully,

William J. Bratton SUPERINTENDENT

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cc: Lt. Jenkins
Deputy O'Toole